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SUBJECT: UN FINANCES: FIFTH COMMITTEE MEETINGS, APRIL 20,
ON FINANCING UN INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON (UNIFIL)

1. FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENT OF PLENARY, MORNING APRIL 20,
FIFTH COMMITTEE CONVENED AND DECIDED TO FOLLOW SAME
PROCEDURE AS PLENARY AND (A) ELECTED SAME BUREAU THAT
SERVED AT 32ND UNGA; (B) DECIDED AGAINST HAVING SUMMARY
RECORDS; (C) DECIDED THAT RAPPORTEUR WOULD REPORT
DIRECTLY TO GA ON ITEM BEFORE COMMITTEE, AND (D) DECIDED
THAT RIGHTS OF REPLY WOULD BE EXERCISED AT END OF EACH
MEETING.

2. MSELLE, CHAIRMAN OF ACABQ, INTRODUCED ACABQ REPORT
(A/S-8/4). IN MORNING SESSION STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY
REPS OF LEBANON, NORWAY, CANADA, DENMARK, JAPAN, AND US.
JAPANESE STATEMENT (COPY POUCHED IO/IBC-HENNES)
REFLECTING DISENCHANTMENT WITH SEVERAL ASPECTS OF
ARRANGEMENTS LEADING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIFIL, BUT
INDICATING SUPPORT FOR UNIFIL FINANCING RESOLUTION,
REPORTED SEPTEL. US STATEMENT BY AMB. YOUNG REPORTED
SEPTEL. BRIEF SUMMARY OF OTHER SPEAKERS AND COMMENTS
FOLLOW.

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3. LEBANON EMPHASIZED FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF MEETING;
PAID TRIBUTE TO SYG'S VISIT TO AREA; AND SAID LACK OF
SUPPORT FOR UNIFIL MEANS WEAKENING OF FORCE AND PEACE
PROCESSES OF SC; IN HIS OPINION, C/5 MAY ACT UNDER
PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN RES 3101(XXVIII). EXPRESSED
GRATITUDE TO COUNTRIES WHICH HAD SENT TROOPS AND PROVIDED
HELP, AND APPEALED TO COMMITTEE TO EXPEDITE ITS WORK.

4. NORWAY SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF NORDICS -- NORWAY,
DENMARK, SWEDEN, AND FINLAND -- SAID THEIR POSITION HAD
NOT CHANGED SINCE ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRST EMERGENCY
FORCE, AND THAT PEACEKEEPING SHOULD BE A JOINT EFFORT.
URGED COUNTRIES TO ESTABLISH STANDBY FORCES IN ORDER TO
RESPOND TO UN REQUESTS. STRESSED COLLECTIVE RESPONSI-
BILITY OF ALL MEMBERS. SAID DRAFT RES WHICH IT WOULD
INTRODUCE WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED PRACTICE
THAT SC MEMBERS AND ECONOMICALLY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
SHOULD BEAR GREATEST BURDEN AND THAT ECONOMICALLY LESS
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD BE GIVEN CONSIDERATION.

5. CANADA URGED MEMBERS TO EARMARK TROOPS FOR PEACE-
KEEPING OPERATIONS AND SO ADVISE SYG, WHICH WOULD

SPEED UP COMPOSITION OF FORCES AND AVOID DISCUSSION OF GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION. SAID TROOP CONTRIBUTORS ARE A SELECT CLUB AND BEAR A FINANCIAL BURDEN. NOTED THAT TWO GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS -- ONE WITH FIVE MILLION TROOPS AND OTHER WITH ONE MILLION -- ARE NOT REPRESENTED. SUPPORTED ACABQ RECOMMENDATIONS, UNEF/UNDOF SCALE FOR UNIFIL, WILL SUPPORT DRAFT RES, AND URGED ITS UNANIMOUS ADOPTION.

6. DENMARK REFERRED TO STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST FOLLOWING EC-9 MEETING IN COPENHAGEN AND SUPPORTED PRINCIPLE OF COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCING UNIFIL;

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RECOMMENDED ADOPTION OF FINANCING RESOLUTION TO BE
INTRODUCED.

7. NORWAY AT AFTERNOON MEETING INTRODUCED DRAFT RES
ON FINANCING UNIFIL (A/C.5/S/8/L.1), CO-
SPONSORED BY ARGENTINA, AUSTRIA, DENMARK, FINLAND,
FRANCE, GHANA, ICELAND, IRELAND, ITALY, IVORY COAST,
LEBANON, NEPAL, NORWAY, PORTUGAL, AND SWEDEN. RES
CONTAINS TWO POLITICAL ELEMENTS: IN 5TH PREAMBULAR PARA
"URGING ALL CONCERNED TO IMPLEMENT STRICTLY SECURITY
COUNCIL RESOLUTION 425(1978) IN ALL ITS PARTS" AND
OPERATIVE PARA 1 WHICH "CALLS UPON ISRAEL TO FULFILL
ITS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION
425 (1978)." DRAFT RES INCORPORATES SAME PRINCIPLES
FOR FINANCING UNIFIL AS ARE USED FOR UNEF/UNDOF, WITH
PERMANENT SC MEMBERS, WITH MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR
MAINTAINING PEACE AND SECURITY BEARING MAJOR BURDEN,
OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES PAYING LESS, AND ECONOMICALLY
LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES BEING GIVEN GREAT CONSIDERATION
AND BEING ASKED TO PAY VERY LITTLE.

8. AUSTRIA, A COSPONSOR, SAID IT PROVIDED POLICE FORCES
TO CONGO, CYPRUS, AND MIDDLE EAST, AND STATED IT
WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORTED DRAFT RES AND PRINCIPLE OF
COLLECTIVE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

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9. UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, ONE OF SIX COUNTRIES FALLING
UNDER ARTICLE 19, ATTACKED ISRAEL FOR CREATING SUCH A

HEAVY BURDEN ON UN AND NOT RESPECTING SC ACTIONS. SAID COST OF UNIFIL FOR SIX MONTHS CORRESPONDS TO 12 PERCENT OF UN BUDGET FOR 1978 AND EQUALS ISRAEL'S CONTRIBUTION FOR SAME PERIOD.

10. GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC CALLED ISRAELI AGGRESSION A COLD-BLOODED FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, AND DEMANDED COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL BY ISRAEL. SAID UNIFIL SHOULD BE FINANCED EXCLUSIVELY BY AGGRESSOR, WHO SHOULD ALSO BE MADE RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGE AND COMPENSATION. ALSO ACCUSED ISRAEL OF CAUSING A \$700 MILLION PEACEKEEPING EXPENDITURE IN MIDDLE EAST.

11. ALBANIA SAID IT WAS AGAINST UNIFIL AND WILL IN NO WAY TAKE PART IN FINANCING AND WILL VOTE AGAINST DRAFT RES.

12. ALGERIA AGREED WITH ACABQ RECOMMENDATIONS BUT ADDED FORCE WAS CREATED FOR PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS AND SHOULD NOT BE RENEWED AND THAT IT SHOULD IN NO WAY CONSTITUTE A POLICING OPERATION FOR ZIONIST AGGRESSOR. ALSO ACCUSED ISRAEL OF CAUSING A \$700 MILLION EXPENDITURE BY UN FOR PEACEKEEPING IN MIDDLE EAST, WHICH HAS NOT BROUGHT LASTING PEACE TO AREA.

13. NEPAL REGRETTED THAT NO GUIDELINES EXISTED FOR PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS; AGREED WITH PRINCIPLE OF COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCING; AND WOULD SUPPORT DRAFT RES WHICH TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION FACT

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THAT ECONOMICALLY MORE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ARE ABLE TO PAY MORE.

14. PAKISTAN AGREED WITH ACABQ RECOMMENDATIONS, SUPPORTED DRAFT RES; AND IN ALLUDING TO TWO NEW ELEMENTS IN RES, SAID INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD IN FUTURE BRING AN END TO SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST WHICH NECESSITATED CREATION OF UNEF, UNDOF, AND UNIFIL.

15. CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING ABOUT 4:15 P.M. DUE TO LACK OF SPEAKERS. ANNOUNCED LIST WOULD CLOSE AT 6 P.M. TODAY, AND ANTICIPATED VOTING ON DRAFT RES ABOUT NOON APRIL 21. YOUNG

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